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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.322

To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.322, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner issue a Certificate of Correction under 35 U.S.C. § 254 in the above-identified patent to correct a mistake made by the Patent and Trademark Office in the printing of the Letters Patent. Form PTO/SB44 is enclosed herewith showing the desired correction.

Applicants refer to the Notice of Allowance of April 21, 2009 and the Amendment of January 23, 2008 (which are available on PAIR) to support this request for correction. As shown on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance, line 8 of then pending claim 26 (which is now line 13 of claim 1) was transcribed by the Examiner replacing "are" with "axe." As shown on page 2 of the January 23, 2008 Amendment (which were the last claim amendments made by Applicant) at line 9 of then pending claim 26), the word "are" is present instead of the word "axe." Thus the replacement in the Notice of Allowance was merely a transcription error. Further, the term "axe" was not present in any previous versions of the claims. Due to this mistake by the Patent and Trademark Office, line 13 of issued claim 1 mistakenly reads "axe" rather than "are."

Applicants therefore request that the Commissioner issue a Certificate of Correction changing "axe" in line 13 of claim 1 to "are" as set forth in the attached Form PTO/SB44.

Since the correction is not due to any error on the part of the Applicant, the fee is not submitted.

Please credit any over payment or charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0285 (order no. 35C1D1-US).

Respectfully submitted,

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